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**Mr. Donald Berment**  
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Dear Mr. Berment,

**Subject: Instrument of Appointment**  
**to Cabinet Appointed Committee to Review Comments and Finalize**  
**the National Policy on Gender and Development**

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The Ministry of Gender, Youth and Child Development, hereby confirms your appointment to the Cabinet Appointed Committee to review comments on the Green Paper and finalize the National Policy on Gender and Development of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

The National Policy on Gender and Development was laid as a Green Paper in the Parliament in August 2009. The document received public comments up to the period ending February 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. These comments must now be reviewed for their inclusion and the document finalized.

Accordingly, the Committee's Terms of Reference will include *inter alia*, the review of the public comments; the revision of the draft document, and the preparation of a final document for the review of the Minister of Gender, Youth and Child Development and the Cabinet. The Committee is comprised of Representatives of relevant Ministries; the University of the West Indies, Institute for Gender and Development Studies, the United Nations Development Programme; Gender Related Non-Governmental Organizations, and the Inter-Religious Organization.

The Policy is expected to provide a strategic framework to guide gender and development approaches in Trinidad and Tobago.

I take this opportunity to welcome you as a member of the Committee. It is my sincere hope that you find your participation fruitful and rewarding, as we work toward the finalization of the National Policy on Gender and Development and the advancement of gender equity and equality in our nation.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Permanent Secretary**

**Ministry of Gender, youth and Child Development**